AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AIR TOXICS "HOT SPOTS" INFORMATION AND
ASSESSMENT ACT
2014 ANNUAL REPORT

WORKSHOP REPORT

A notice of workshop was mailed to 173 facilities subject to the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act Program ("Hot Spots" Program). Notices were also mailed to all Economic Development Corporations and Chambers of Commerce in San Diego County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and other interested parties.

The workshop was held on June 26, 2015, and was attended by 20 people. The comments and Air Pollution Control District (District) responses are as follows:

1. WORKSHOP COMMENT

On page 1, the Report states emissions data for 1997 through 2012 can be found on the District's website. Are there more recent emissions data available?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

During the initial writing of this Report, the 2013 data was in the process of being compiled. Emissions data for 2013 is now available on the District's website. The Report will be updated accordingly.

2. WORKSHOP COMMENT

What is the expected completion date of the new emissions inventory database application?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Currently, the District IT contractor plans for completion to occur around March 2016. Before that time, the District will conduct outreach to the affected facilities to present and obtain comments on the new emission inventory database application. The new emissions inventory database is being designed to allow on-line data submittal for the emissions inventory programs.

3. WORKSHOP COMMENT

With the new Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) health risk assessment (HRA) guidelines, will the cancer risk presented in Figure 1 of the Report increase?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Per conversations with CARB, the cancer risk presented in Figure 1 of the Report will be modified to show higher cancer risk based on the new OEHHA HRA guidelines. CARB is planning to have this data available on-line sometime this year.

4. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Is there a place where the changes to the OEHHA health data can be seen?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

The most recent health data approved by OEHHA can be found at http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/healthval/contable.pdf. Unfortunately, OEHHA does not have documentation that provides a summary of all the health data changes since the "Hot Spots" Program started for calendar year 1989.

5. WORKSHOP COMMENT

For facilities required to conduct public notifications, are these facilities' HRAs available? If so, is there information which shows which pollutants are contributing to the risks?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Yes, these HRAs are available and there is documentation provided by the facility and/or the District which shows the pollutants' contribution to the risk and health effects. Unfortunately, this data is not available on the website. The HRAs and associated documentation may be obtained via a public records request to the District.

6. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Has the District considered presenting pre-1997 emission data on-line since some HRA results on Table 4 of the Report are pre-1997?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Prior to 1997, the District utilized hand calculations and various spreadsheets to implement the emissions inventory programs. Compiling each facility's emissions all the way back to 1989 (the beginning year of the "Hot Spots" Program) would be labor intensive. In 2000, the District started utilizing its emissions inventory database application. The District started populating this database with 1997 emissions. This database provides the reports which are presented in the District webpage.

7. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Will the new emission inventory database application allow data from the facility to be imported in?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

The ability to import and export data in and out of the new emissions inventory database was one of the requirements for the new system. The District plans to work with facilities that have their own database so data required for the emissions inventory programs can be brought into the new emissions inventory database as smoothly as possible.

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